

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING JANUARY 18, 2012**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as duly advertised on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present for the meeting were Bill Amos, Louis J. Fortwendel and Thomas Hauser. The news media was also present for the meeting.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAYROLL CLAIMS

County Auditor Connie Berger presented the payroll claims docket for payroll that was distributed on January 13, 2012 in the amount of \$111,448.50. Jody made a motion to approve the claim and allowance docket and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

The minutes from the meetings of December 5 and 28, 2011 had been mailed to the commissioners for their review. Tom made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD OF FINANCE REORGANIZATION

County Treasurer, Judy Pund, appeared before the commissioners and asked that they recess the Board of Commissioners meeting to conduct the annual meeting of the County's Board of Finance. Jody made the motion to recess the meeting and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jody made the motion to nominate Commissioners President Bill Amos as President, and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tom made the motion close the nominations and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Jody made a motion to nominate Treasurer Judy Pund as secretary and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tom made a motion to close the nominations and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Judy presented the members of the Board of Finance with a report showing the bank balances for the end of 2011. She explained that the county has checking accounts at Old National Bank, Fifth Third Bank, and German American Bank. A total of \$24,049.28 was earned in interest in 2011. The interest rates of the three banks were discussed, and Judy stated that at this time she feels it is best to keep the county money in the checking accounts and not invest in CD's. If the money was invested in a CD it would have to be invested at least a year, and she doesn't want to invest the money that long plus the interest rates are not any better than what we are currently receiving.

Jody made the motion to approve the investment policy as proposed by the County Treasurer. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Jody made the motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting, and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RESCUE VEHICLE

Steve Hauser, EMA Director, appeared before the commissioners and explained that the new 2012 Ford-450 chassis had been received and the emergency lights and communication equipment is being installed. He explained that it was their intent to reuse the rescue utility body and mount it on the new chassis. They have now discovered that due to design changes of the Ford chassis it is 10 inches wider than the current 1989 GMC chassis. Steve stated the he had received a price of \$15,000 for a new utility box that will fit the new chassis. He also stated that this will allow the county to sell the 1989 GMC vehicle as a complete unit, resulting in a higher dollar amount being received.

Jody made a motion to transfer \$15,000 within the Cumulative Capital Development fund from the Weather Emergency Fund line item to Rescue Service Body-EMA. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – THREE YEAR (EDIT PLAN)

Perry County Auditor, Connie Berger, presented the commissioners with a proposed three-year Capital Improvement Plan for a period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, as well as an accompanying ordinance for the commissioners' approval that would officially convey their adoption of the plan. Connie stated that the plan and ordinance had been prepared by County Attorney, Chris Goffinet. She also explained that the capital improvement plan outlines the expenditures of the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) revenues for the next three years, namely:

- 20%, estimated at \$161,301.80 annually, would be designated to Perry County Development Corporation through a contract agreement;
- 30% would be deposited into the Community Economic Development Fund to pay debt service or lease rentals on bond obligations in Economic Development areas;
- 50% would be used for funding highway construction and reconstruction projects for the purpose of economic development. A list of the proposed projects is included in the plan.
- A fourth portion, consisting of the remainder of the revenue after funding the other three portions, shall be deposited into a "Jail Operations Fund"

Tom made a motion to approve the three-year Capital Improvement Plan as presented, and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Jody made the motion to approve the Ordinance and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" Ordinance No. O-C-12-1)

VEHICLES

Sheriff Lee Chestnut attended the meeting to discuss vehicles that he would like to trade in on the truck that is being purchased for animal control. He has a Intrepid car, the Jeep that had been used as an animal control vehicle along with a Plymouth Voyager van that had been given to the Community Corrections Department, but never worked. He stated that he would be transferring a Jeep that his department is no longer using for the County Assessor's office to use when collecting assessment data. Jody made the motion to allow Sheriff Chestnut to trade in the 3 vehicles that he had described and transfer the Jeep to the commissioners. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Tom Hauser stated that he wanted it known that the commissioners will accept proposals for county health insurance anytime during the year. Health insurance is a professional service and does not have to be sought under the bidding procedures. He asked that the "*Perry County News*" include this information in the article from today's meeting.

OLD HIGHWAY 37

It was announced that the commissioners are seeking state funding to repair Old Highway 37 in Leopold Township. The road is closed at this time due to a large slide that happened in the spring of 2011. The commissioners stated that if they closed the road they would have to return it to its natural state which would have cost a lot of money. The commissioners plan on using state funding sources that was used to repair the slide on French Ridge Road. The paper work has been started but the work on the road may not be completed until sometime in 2013. The State Department of Transportation will do the bidding process. Perry County will be responsible for 20% of the cost.

Teresa announced that the next Board of County Commissioners meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting ended in open session at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes approved this 6th day of February 2012.

Bill Amos, President

Louis J. Fortwendel

Thomas J. Hauser

*Minutes prepared by:
Connie A Berger, Perry County Auditor*